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CITY PLANNER ASSUMES NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLE

GREENSBORO, NC (May 7, 2004) – The City of Greensboro has one more reason to be proud of its outstanding pool of employees. Sue Schwartz, the City's Chief of Neighborhood planning, was recently voted president-elect of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) for a two year term by the American Planning Association (APA). The honor was announced at the April 28 National Planning Conference in Washington D.C. Schwartz will begin her term at the end of March 2005. Receiving almost 70% of the vote from her peers, Schwartz's duties as president-elect will include providing more affordable quality educational opportunities and more strategic focus in education and awareness of city planning.

"Sue Schwartz has contributed much to the APA and its professional institute over the past decade," said Paul Farmer, AICP, executive director and CEO of the APA. "Her past experience, at both the state and national levels of the organization, and her proven leadership abilities will serve the Institute well as its president-elect," he added. "I am looking forward to the opportunity to promote the value of the planning profession for American's communities," Schwartz said. "I am also very eager to share the multitude of great things that City Planners are doing here in Greensboro," she added.

Schwartz is the first woman in 10 years to hold this office and the first president ever from North Carolina. Her position as president-elect adds to a growing list of honors, as she was also the recipient of the 2003 APA Outstanding Planning Award for Implementation, 1999 APA Distinguished Contribution Award, and 1999 NCAPA Outstanding Comprehensive Planning Award. Schwartz has been a featured speaker at numerous conferences, been published in various planning publications and has more than 20 years of city planning experience. She has been employed by the City of Greensboro since 1987.

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